

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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PRESIDING OFFICER

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE,
CHAIRMAN

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

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Vice-Chair

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

WILLIAM J. MULLER III, Clerk

LIST OF SPEAKERS

BOB MCMANUS 5
GREG STEPHANOFF 7

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: I will call the roll.
3 Legislator Kevan Abrahams?

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
6 Denenberg?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Laura
9 Curran, Ranking Member?

10 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Denise Ford?

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Vincent
14 Muscarella?

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Donald
17 MacKenzie, Vice Chairman?

18 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here. We have
20 a quorum.

21 Just before we start I want to make two
22 quick announcements. One, the tour of the jail,
23 we're still trying to get a date for that. I

1 spoke with the sheriff and he's going to set
2 something up for us, and we're going to get a
3 nice tour of the jail. So that's in the works.

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5 The other thing we asked for at the last
6 meeting was a demonstration about the triangular
7 shots fired cameras. We're going to be working
8 on that. We will have a date in the very near
9 future. And it's going to be in Westbury so we
10 can see the cameras, shots fired. That thing we
11 passed at our last meeting. So those two things
12 are in the works. As soon as we hear, the
13 members -- I think all legislators will be
14 notified in case anybody else wants to go. You
15 don't have to be on our committee to participate.

16 That being said --

17 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I just want the
18 record to reflect that I'm here.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Okay. Legislator
20 Denenberg is here. We have a full complement of
21 the committee members for the Public Safety
22 Committee.

23 First item coming before us is Item 82-
24 14, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
25 appropriation ordinance in connection with the

2 District Attorney's Office.

3 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus, District
4 Attorney's Office.

5 The item before you is a supplemental
6 appropriation for the sexual assault nurse
7 examiner program. This program represent a
8 collaboration between the special victims squad
9 of the Nassau County Police Department, North
10 Shore Long Island Jewish Health Systems, the
11 Sexual Assault Center of the Safe Center, which
12 is formerly the Nassau County Coalition Against
13 Domestic Violence, and the District Attorney's
14 Office.

15 The same center is a special unit in the
16 emergency department of North Shore University
17 Hospital where specially trained nurses
18 administer treatment to sexual assault victims
19 using methods specifically designed to preserve
20 evidence while treating victims with dignity and
21 compassion in an area that's separate from the
22 regular emergency area.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: For the record,
24 Legislator Denise Ford made the motion, seconded
25 by Legislator Don MacKenzie.

Are there any questions on this item?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all in favor indicate
by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

So passed. It goes now to Finance.

The next item is Item 87-14, an ordinance
supplemental to the annual appropriation
ordinance in connection with the police
department.

Motion by Don MacKenzie, seconded by
Denise Ford.

Who do we have?

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon.
Sergeant Greg Stephanoff.

This is a homeland security grant for
\$50,000. We're going to use this money to
purchase hard license plate readers. It's going
to be a system that's going to be pole mounted in
an area, an area determined that needs

surveillance so that we can monitor who is coming or going.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Excellent.

Joe Belesi and I went to the jail and did a tour many years ago, and we asked if they would put one of those plate readers there because you never know who is going to go visit their buddy in jail, might be a criminal, terrorist or whatever, we don't know. They didn't have the wherefore to do it at that time. Could we see that one of those plate readers goes to the jail?

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Yeah. I'll make an inquiry in our homeland security section.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Excellent.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I think this purchase is purchased as a system that goes to a certain location. I think they have a location in mind. I don't think it's separate cameras that could go anywhere. I believe this is, like, one system. I'll make an inquiry of homeland security.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other questions from any other legislator? Legislator Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Considering the fact

1 that police cars already have this technology in
2 them, is this something that these locations will
3 be known to the public or is it something that
4 you prefer to keep, you know, private?

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6 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Before I came I
7 did call our homeland security section. They
8 prefer to keep the location -- I believe it's in
9 the item itself, the location, but they prefer to
10 keep it so that nobody knows so they don't avoid
11 it.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay.

13 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: So that it gets
14 the use. The intended use is to see what's going
15 on not to --

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: To see where they're
17 going and everything. We look at now, this
18 Malaysian flight, they think that people go on
19 and put bombs, whatever it is, killing all those
20 people. So I guess maybe there is a benefit to
21 that too.

22 Thank you.

23 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I believe in the
24 item itself, the printed material, the location
25 is in there for you to view.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

Any other legislator?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all in favor indicate
by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

It passes. It's going on to Finance.

There is no other business to come before
this committee.

Motion by Vinny Muscarella to close,
seconded by Don MacKenzie.

All in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

We are now adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Public Safety Committee
adjourned at 2:25 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

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FRANK GRAY